

I am very concerned about further media consolidation. Since the 1996 Telecom act, the reliability and diversity of information in news, foreign policy and world affairs has become watered down infotainment. For a democracy to be vibrant, its citizens need to have accurate information about government, business, and labor issues from a variety of sources.

Journalists have become increasingly beholden to the corporations that they work for. "Embedded journalists" did not give us a balanced view of the war. How could they when their very lives depended on the military people they were reporting on?

Sources on the news rely increasingly on current or former military personnel and government officials. Most sources are males, most sources are white. There is no information from labor--none.

These are public airwaves that should be serving the people, and they are not.

Please extend the public comment period beyond June 2, and vote to limit further media consolidation.

Thank you.